

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vietnam has requested for military assistance from India in the naval field;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the proposed assistance under appropriate heads;
- (d) whether the Government has examined the implications related thereto; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Government is pursuing defence cooperation activities with a number of foreign countries, including Vietnam, based on mutual interests of both sides and keeping in view all relevant aspects.

Defence cooperation activities with foreign countries include high level visits, training exchanges and other interactions between the armed forces of both sides.